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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 40, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 4, with the following amended paragraph:



The filament 941 is thermally expanded owing to the heat generated in driving the fluorescent display device. The coiled portion 9411 serves to apply a predetermined tension force on the filament 941 in response to the change in the length thereof. The tension force applying portion is <u>not</u> limited to the coiled shape as long as it is possible to apply the tension force.